

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 66

By Coleman

A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Head Coach Philip Shadowens and the Smyrna High School football team on capturing the TSSAA Class 5A State Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Philip Shadowens, the Smyrna High School football team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2006 season, establishing an impressive record of thirteen wins against two losses and winning the BlueCross Bowl Class 5A State Championship Game; and

WHEREAS, the Smyrna Bulldogs took a bite out of their opponents during the regular season, claiming wins over Lavergne (42-21), Brentwood (28-21), Wilson Central (20-0), Columbia (45-19), Blackman (54-34), Siegel (33-13), Oakland (20-14), and Lebanon (23-7) while only falling to Riverdale (0-49) and Ravenwood (12-15); and

WHEREAS, the Bulldogs rolled through the playoffs, prevailing over Coffee County (47-21), and Lavergne (24-0), to set up a highly-anticipated rematch in the third round with Riverdale High School, a longtime rival and perennial football powerhouse; and

WHEREAS, turning the tables on their cross-county foe, Smyrna bested the Riverdale Warriors (9-7) for the first time in school history, advancing to the semi-finals where they downed an undefeated team from Ooltewah (28-25) to punch their ticket to the state championship game; and

WHEREAS, proving themselves champions, Smyrna completed its remarkable season by soundly defeating the Ravenwood Raptors in the BlueCross Bowl by the score of 35-14, avenging their earlier loss to capture the school's first state football championship; and

WHEREAS, this heroic effort was led by the outstanding performances of receiver Rodriguez Wilks, named the BlueCross Bowl Class 5A Offensive Most Valuable Player, who scored three first-half touchdowns, including a 91-yard kickoff return, and linebacker Josh Day, named the BlueCross Bowl 5A Defensive Most Valuable Player, who notched 13 tackles, two sacks, and an interception; and

WHEREAS, unleashing a highly potent offense on Ravenwood, Bulldog quarterback Sonny Gray completed 8 of 11 passes for 109 yards in the air and tailback Antoine Hendricks rushed for 213 yards to seal the Raptors demise; and

WHEREAS, the phenomenal players who comprise the Smyrna Bulldogs are: Sonny Gray, Antoine Hendricks, Rod Wilks, Orlando Martin, Will Martin, Tyler Slater, Kyle Frazier, Andrew Wiggins, Eddie Lalap, Joseph Butler, Dawson Wooten, Josh Crouch, Cleave Shaw, David Sanders, Jonah Hendricks, Maceo Harris, Cody Williams, Tony Windrow, Lonnie Turner, Tony Alexander, Quentin Burford, Cotie Dickson, Chris Yoder, Cordarious Johnson, Donovan Craig, Reuben Shadrake, Jarvis Hicks, Justin Martin, Sean McKay, Michael Hosford, Michael Bolton, Singleton Garrett, Johnathan Vaughn, Laith Al Tamimi, Kelly Thomason, Brandon Hendricks, Josh Day, Karrar Al Hassan, Reese Haywood, Tony Carr, Cody Sutherland, Cody Gower, Johnathan Wilcox, James Hudson, Matt Rofrano, Quentin Allen, Kyle Carter, Josh Prewitt, Bradly Folds, Alex Hill, Keith Martin, Westley Cadena, Darrell Goad, Tyler Eady, Anthony Khamphenphet, Trungtin Pham, Nathan Cantrell, Kelton Hendry, Kassidy Spence, Brandon Jaradat, DJ Johns, James Williams, Davion Baxter, Tyler Montgomery, Jordan Bell, Cody Hagar, Daivid Pierre-Paul, Mickey West, Jeremy King, Jesse Torres, Blair Willis, Tre Tunstill, Richard Maynard, Nick Richardson, Harrison Gill, Nathan Torres, Gavin Baxter, Drew Garner, Brandon Teters, Brandon Brady, Sam McAnally, Justin Cunningham, Zach Broadwater, David West, Gage Quibodeaux, and Dakota Brown; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a successful and memorable football season, but also surely point toward success in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the estimable coaches of Smyrna's exceptional football team were Head Coach Philip Shadowens and Assistant Coaches Steve Carson, Jason Pitts, Shawn Middleton,

Kent Pippenger, Will Hawkins, Will Forkum, Scott Keasler, Travis Schrimsher, Alex Robbins, Luke Shepherd, and Justin Morton, as well as Student-Assistant Coach Tyler Einecker; and

WHEREAS, others contributing to this fantastic season were managers, Saint Williams and Kelsey Einecker; statistician, Donnie Carter; trainer, Sherri Jones; and team doctors, Dr. Tom Johns and Dr. Michael Jordan; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding spirit, the Smyrna High School Bulldogs have conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of those student athletes who have excelled both on the field and in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Head Coach Philip Shadowens and the 2006 Smyrna High School football team on capturing the 2006 TSSAA Class 5A State Football Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.